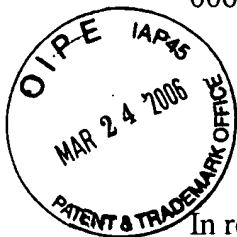


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PATENT APPLICATION



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	:	Group Art Unit: 2626
Application No.: 10/050,851)	
	:	Allowed: February 14, 2006
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For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS)	Date: March 24, 2006

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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF
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Applicants received a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due and a Notice of Allowability, both dated February 14, 2006, in the above-identified application. However, a matter needs to be resolved before the Issue Fee is to be paid.

Applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement on October 5, 2004, citing eight documents. However, the Examiner has yet to indicate consideration of these documents and a European Search Report. It is requested that the Examiner indicate such consideration by initialing and returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 provided with that Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of that Information Disclosure Statement and the date-stamped postcard is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

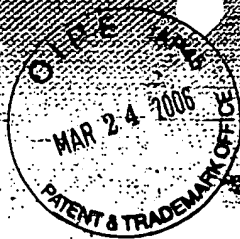
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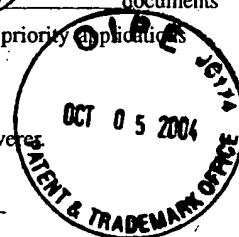
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese documents, along with an English-language abstract therefor are enclosed.

U.S. Patent Nos. 6,285,441; 6,091,516; and 5,734,483, and JP 11-168592 were cited in a European Search report that issued on July 2, 2004, in connection with a counterpart application. The European Search is also listed on the Form PTO-1449, and a copy is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.


Applicants submit that no fee is due in connection with this paper, inasmuch as a first Office Action on the merits has not yet been mailed. Nevertheless, the

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be deemed necessary to
Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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European Search Report dated July 2, 2004, issued in connection with corresponding
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